OPEN LETTER

as follows:
An open letter to the Mayor and Chief of Police of the City of Wheeling.
GENTLEMEN: "Your "reply" to the "statement of the Federation of Churches," presented to you December 5, was received. We have carefully considered the reasons which you give why you cannot grant our petition and enforce the laws and ordinances, and we are free to say that, in our judgment, your position is not supported, much less proven, by the facts you cite. Eliminating from the "reply" all advices so gratuitously given to parents, ministers and churches, we find cite. Eliminating from the reply an advices so gratuitously given to parents, ministers and churches, we find three principal reasons assigned by you why you do not enforce the laws. Let us examine them in the light of

facts.
1.—The failure to obtain justice in

the criminal court.

In your "reply" you state that "several" cases, upon which conviction has been had in the police court, "were appealed to the criminal court." Now, upon examination of the records of the criminal court, we find that only two cases of appeal have been acted upon during your administration. In all, criminal court, we find that only two cases of appeal have been acted upon during your administration. In all, eleven cases of appeal are recorded as disposed of. Of these, three were settled by the parties themselvs paying their fines before the appeals reached the upper court; and six were dismissed before the appeal was argued. Of the two cases of appeal tried, the evidence in one was "clearly insufficient," and the action of the police court was properly reversed. The other case is the one to which you evidently refer, when you say in your "reply" that it was "the one deemed the strongest," and that it "was declared by the jury to be 'not gullty." We agree with you that the evidence in this case was clear and sufficient against the party, and the decision of the police court should have been sustained: The upper court is of the same opinion, and, for the first time in his official career, the judge of that court "lectured a jury for the verdict rendered."

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first time in his official career, the judge of that court "lectured a jury for the verdict rendered."

This is the only case, however, in which you can claim justice was not done you in the criminal court. We do not understand, therefore, the assertion in your "reply" that "in many other instances of cases appealed from the decision of police court, where the evidence seemed to be conclusive, the jury in the upper court did not sustain the city's case." The judge of that court informs us that only these two cases have ever been before that court, during your administration, on an appeal from the decision of the police court.

Now, we submit this question: Is not this a slim basis on which to form the conviction, to which you say you arrived, vis., that "public sentiment is not in favor of extreme or radical reforms, but rather content with a judicious regulation of the evils complained of?" Are twelve men, constituting the jury in this individual case, to determine with you the question of "public sentiment."? We say "slim basis" for the reason that if you will remember your oaths of office, there is nothing said in them as to whether you are to have an option of withholding the discharge of your duty unde: the law on account of the results that may follow upon an appeal. If every case of appeal were

season that it states of office, there is now at the mast of office, there is now a sto whether you are to have option of withholding the discharge of your duty under the law on account of the pastors of the German appeal. If every case of appeal were to be reversed in the upper court, we submit that does not relieve the police out in the premises, and does not affect the discharge of your duty in the court in West Virginia from administance or, it would absolve every inferior one, it would absolve every inferior court in West Virginia from administance or, it would absolve every inferior time to time would come before the association. So far as we know, only this and nothing more has kept them from the furisprudence of England, ever had as broad a distinction as that.

Therefore, we cannot agree with you that your experience in these two cases of appeal is conclusive proof that "public sentiment, as expressed through the jury box, is not in favor of the enforcement" of "present laws."

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2.—The failure to secure justice, in council, before the committee on petitions and remonstrances.

You state that you appeared before said committee, and entered objection "to the issuance of licenses to persons who had not heeded the citation of the ordinance as expressed in section 18, of the ordinances in relation to coffee houses and ordinaries." We find that section imposes a fine upon any person keeping a coffee house or place of public report, if he "shall suffer any ricting or drunkenness, or any public lewdness or obscenity." etc., about his place.

lic resort, if he "shall suffer any rioting or drunkenness, or any public leadness or obscenity," etc., about his place. The records of the committee on petitions and remonstrances show that on April 10, 1899, the mayor and chief of police did appear before said committee, and did protest against the Issuance of a license to two parties. The records of council, however, do not show that their project was ever carries.

records of council, however, do not show that their projest was ever carried there. At that same committee meeting, April 10, there were the written protests and petitions of other parties against another place. These written documents were carried with the committee's report into council, and, having consistent them in open session, council refused to license that place. Now we are at a loss to know why the

Now we are at a loss to know way the mayor and chief of police, who began so well, did not persevere and press their case before council as a body. Why give such undue weight, in your "reply," to the point made by the committee on petitions and remonstrances, that "if applicants were refused, the revenues of the city would be reducted." Why should that have silenced all '? Why should that have silenced all cial obligation, if, "acting upon the official obligation, if, "acting upon the advice of competent counsel," as you state, you had started in to "strike at the root of the condition"? Would the cutting of of the licenses of two violators of the law have bankrupted the city financially? The fact is, leading members of council inform us that, not until recently, did they know that the mayor and chief of police had ever made any such protest. Again, we lask why was not that protest made in open council, and a hearing demanded? The mayor and chief had full liberty to do so; and, had they done so, unquestionably their defense at this time would not be so utterly groundless, when they assure us that "acting upon the advice of competent counsel" they

determined "to strike at the root of the condition."

3.—The question of revenue.

FROM CHURCH

FEDERATION

To Mayor Sweeney and Chief of Police
Clemans, in Response to
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The long expected response from the Federation of Churches on the recent reply of Mayor Sweeney and Chief of Police Clemans to the Federation's required the probable revenues of the city. They do not go to the control of the Churches on the recent reply of Mayor Sweeney and Chief of Police Clemans to the Federation's required the local part of the police department; neither are they included in the estimated running expenses of any other department. They are, by act of the legislature, turned over to the board of public works for improvements. Members of the city of the federation's required the probable revenues of the city. They do not go to the cynenies of the police department; neither are they included in the estimated running expenses of any other department. Never has been made public, The reply was handed to the Intelligencer last night by Rev, Dr. J. L. Sooy, of the Federation. In full it is as follows:

An open letter to the Mayor and Chief of Police of the City of Wheeling.

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ter of the slot machine. Ex-Mayor Butts had stopped them as one of his last official acts. Why were they ever allowed to return again? Not only have they returned, but, as your recent raid for revenue proves, they have returned in greatly increased numbers. Furthermore, machines of another class, exhibiting the most obscene pictures, have come in very recently, which are violations of section 5, of "Offences," which provides that it is "unlawful for any person to publicly exhibit any indeesnt painting, engraving, print, sculpture, picture or representation within this city." And yet the violation of this ordinance is permitted daily by the operation of these obscene slot machines. Has this law been "declared unconstitutional" also? Once more, therefore, we call upon you to perform your duties in the matter complained of in our former petition. We came to you, then, with one prayer only viz, that you "enforce the law fon the suppression of all slot machines in our city." and that you "take measures forthwith, for granting the prayer of this petition." Our appeal is not that of a few ministers only, "inexperienced," as you suggest, "in the matter of enforcement of the laws against offenders"; but the appeal comes from over 1,100 reputable citizens—among them leading lawyers, physicians, bankers, merchants and tradesmen in every ward in the city. That is a fact which you seem to lose sight of. But these laymen, are not to be counted out in any such way. They, together with us, believe this sight of. But these laymen, are not to be counted out in any such way. They, together with us, believe this ordinance can and should be enforced. They, together with us, are as much convinced of your respective duties in that direction as they were before your "reply" was published. Nothing in that "reply" relieves either of you in the premises. Your duty is plainly marked out. It is not merely "theoretical." as you would have the public believe. It is entirely "practical," and all we ask is that you make offenders against the law recognize its practicability.

[Signed.]

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[Signed.]
[EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
FEDERATION OF CHURCHES.

WHY THE GERMAN CHURCHES

Were Not Represented in the Anti-Slot Machine Agitation.

The following statement, signed by the executive committee of the Federation of Churches, was issued yester-

day: "The question has been asked: 'Why are not the German churches repre-sented in the Federation of Churches?

For five years an organization known as 'The Minister's Association of 8.5

the enforcement" of "present laws."
Under other administrations, previous to yours, we do not find any such ground for complaint; neither was such complaint ever made. In any case, we believe the police court is under solemn obligation to perform its duty, whatever may be the consequences of an appeal in the upper court.

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FOOT BALL BOWLING.

BOLEN A SURPRISE

To McClelland in Their Bout, Which Went the Limit, and was Declared a Draw-Bolen Did all the Leading.

Jack McClelland's aspirations for honors in the featherweight ranks got a decided set-back last night in his bout at the Metropolitan club with Sam Bolen, which went the twenty-round limit and was decided a draw by Referee Oscar Gardner. At the start, McClelland was a 10 to 6 choice, and with him and his friends it was only a question of how long Bolen would stay. But Bolen fooled them and it was a question rather, if he shouldn't have gotten the decision.

In the judgment of the generous and impartial Gardner, the draw was proper. Bolen had most of the crowd with him for two reasons, namely that the prejudice against certain Pittsburgh sports here tended to make him representative of it, and because he was the aggressor throughout. As against the latter feature, McClelland people claim that Bolen missed a dozen times to ence he landed. He had a shade the better of it, which seemed more apparent because Wheeling crowds always saw McClelland appear to more advantage in previous engagements. His style changed last night from his lorg left jabs and clean blocks to that of ducking and backing away. He didn't care to mix much. the clean break rule he might have done better.

He was well satisfied with a draw as he had reason to be. He was greatly disappointed at not being able to defeat Bolen. He ran up against a different proposition to what he ever figured on. No matter how he explains it, the fact remains that McClelland's glory was sadly dimmed. He couldn't do anything with Bolen, and his cleverness was all called in play to save being decisively trimmed. The crowd large and Bolen's friends believed he earned the decision. McClelland's were glad their money was saved. It was a fast battle all the way.

The preliminary went only four rounds, Walter Burgo easily distancing Pete Davis, the local colored boxer. It was to have gone six rounds, but Davis couldn't go further. He was badly punished.

Before the main bout commenced. Announcer Murphy read a telegram from Eddle Santry, of Chicago, to Oscar Gardner, challenging the winner In McClelland's corner were his mana-ger, Billy Corocran, Otto Biack and Bill Bradburn, the old time fighter, of Pitts-

Bradburn, the old time fighter, of Pittsburgh, and Bolen's seconds were Hughey Arnold, Iye Neininger and Sid Sadler. The audience took with small grace the anouncement that the men had agreed to break clean. There was a regular storm of hisses which prevailed a long time.

Manager Corooran, who had insisted on this clean break, then consulted with Oscar Gardner, while the crowd yelled "call it off!" The unpopular reception the clean break received falled to make Corcoran change his mind. Then Anouncer Murphy told the crowd it took two to make a clinch and that one man could punch if he liked. This sorto' perturbed the excited Corooran. A second later, Murphy announced that Corcoran agreed to straight Queensbury rules and the audience was satis-

great style.

Jack attempted to cut loose in the fifth and they fought mostly at long range. Time and again Bolen swung and led only to go wild or fall short, and he seemed to do better in a clinch, when he swung around Jack's back. Toward the close, Jack shot a swift hook to the Jaw that toppled Bolen over. He was up instantly. It was nice work

The next opened in a clinch and Jack The next opened in a clinch and Jack protested against Bolen striking with one arm free. Sam chopped him nicely on the face. Jack had to hug often and once he slipped to the floor. Sam was urged to go after him and he made a hot try. He staggered Jack with a left chop on neck as the round closed. The work excited Bolen's admirers.

Jack rushed Sam as they came from their corners and planted a hard left on taw. He followed with beauties for the

Jack rushed sain as they came took their corners and planted a hard left on jaw. He followed with beauties for the stomach and got Sam on the go. Sam checked him with upper cuts, but this round was McClelland's clear and frong. Bolen assumed the defensive in the

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eighth. In a mix Jack dropped in his own corner. Jack was after Sam's stomach and found it with a couple of clean punches. Sam managed to upper clean punches. Sam managed to upper cut to advantage. Jack's fast foot-work caused many of Bolen's swings

work caused many of Bolen's swings to carve the air.

Sam tried the aggressive again in the ninth and Jack countered hard rights on the ribe and he sent in stingers with both hands in the exchange. Occasionally Sam lifted a handy right upper on the jaw, but he failed to take advantage of easy chances when they clinched.

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The tenth showed no let-up in the fast fighting that began with the first round and it was the most exciting. Both were thred at its close, McClelland looking a triffe worried. He was faster than Sam and his blows were cleaner and he was fresh as a daisy in the eleventh. While Sam lacked steam his rushes tired Jack. The thirteenth was conspicuous for more of Sam's slaps on Jack's back in the clinches. As in other rounds Jack started the four-teenth with a rush, but Bolen stayed with him and he had to again resort to ducking and clinches.

It looked like a finish alternately for each in the fifteenth. McClelland's blows, while fewer had more steam, and his science held him to the good. His ducking was a feature of the next round, which was tame. Bolen's wind was teilling on him, but he continued to lead.

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Jack was the recipient of good upper cuts in the next. He claimed that Bolen struck low once. Jack did noth-

Bolen struck low once. Jack did nothing this round.
Jack's leg caught over Sam's in the eighteenth and he went to the floor in a retreat. He was kept on the defensive and escaped any damage. He tried to open up in the next but didn't gain. Sam upper cut when he ducked and Jack did better in countering. The majority of the crowd yelled "Boleni" at the opening of the twentieth, for his leading made him the favorite for the decision. They mixed it lively and Sam chopped head and back in the clinch and upper cut him. The

in the clinch and upper cut him. The best Jack did was short arm purches that had considerable steam. He was after a grand stand finish, but Bolen wouldn't let him, and was chasing him at the close.

Kennedy's Matches.

James ("Reddy") Mason, manager of Eddie Kennedy, was among the Pitts burgh delegation at the McClelland-Bolen contest. To the Intelligencer man, he stated that Kennedy was matched to meet Philadelphia Tommy Ryan, at Niles, O., on January 13; Chi-cago Jack Daly, in Wheeling, Febru-ary 5, and George McPadden, at the Heroules club, New York, the date to be set later.

BOWLING.

Y. M. C. A. League The Midgets took two games from the Premos Wednesday evening. Scores: PREMOS. 18t 158 160 150 161 793 2333

Totals 767 S38 Musee League.

On the Musee alleys last night the Tom Moores took three from the Auditors. The feature of the evening was 'Wilson's" fine work, he getting 534 pins to his credit. Score:

Tom Moores-Marschner, 129, 152, 180; Weitzel, 161, 172, 188; Handlan, 156, 193, 175; Cochran, 138, 165, 195; Nolte, 163, 169, 146; Stevenson, 166, 166, 174; totals,

913, 1.017, 1,056. Auditors—Barr. 144, 175, 171; Beckett, 130, 144, 127; Reeder, 119, 146, 148; "Wil-son," 189, 173, 172; King, 166, 164, 128; Phillips, 120, 151, 121; totals, 878, 953,

Wheeling League. Last night's games resulted as fol-

Kissing Bugs-Miller, 151, 174, 146; Rahr, 138, 148, 164; Springer, 127, 154, 144; F. Earp, 159, 145, 111; P. Bernhardt, 132, 169, 126; Stein, 136, 204, 146; totals, 843,

994, 887. Oceolas—Beuter, 135, 145, 145; Gray, 168, 187, 185; Falck, 116, 156; I56; Jones, 119, 141, 146; Fugate, 104, 140, 119; A. Fette, 124, 160, 151; totals, 767, 878, 914.

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BELLATRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County.

The Rose & Morgan coal works, south of towa, sustained quite a loss early yesterday morning, by fire. The tipple and chutes leading to the river, including the screens, elevator and trestle work, were wholly destroyed and a stationary engine at the incline was damaged considerably. The works were off yesterday, thus throwing about 150 men out of work, and at a time when the company wanted all the coal they could get out. The loss in property will reach close to \$2,000, but it was insured and will be rebuilt at once, as the enterprising young men in charge are hustlers. The origin of the fire is unknown and as it was about half a mile below the last fire-plus, the fire department was of no service, though the chemical engine went to the scene and did what it could.

The Bellaire Bottle Company has determined upon an increase of its capital stock from \$46,500 to \$70,000, with which they will build a fifteen-ton tank adjoining their present factory, thus more than doubling the capacity of the plant and the number of employes. The prospectus is very inviting, as a statement of the books at the close of the past year is given, together with a statement of the books at the close of the past year is given, together with a statement of the actual condition, thus making an attractive showing for investments. The matter was only fully completed yesterday afternoon, and there is now subscribed more than \$10,000 of the increase proposed, and more of it is in sight.

The holiday season seems to bring the young folks to the sticking point in their love affairs. Mr. Joseph Strong and Miss D. May Patterson were married Wednesday evening by Rev. W. L. Pjsher, of the Christian church, and Mr. James Davis, of Bridgeport, came down here and claimed for a bride, the same evening Miss Nancy E. Litman, and several others are on the tapis for the next ten days.

The city council has not yet adopted plans for a new city building, nor decided upon the kind of structure, but these

elegant three story building and then have money to spare for trimmings. Mr. Edward Sanders and wife, of Chicago, will reach here Sunday, on a visit to his mother and family. Ed-has been away from Bellaire for ten years without an intervening visit.

The Belmont Towing Company is the name of a new corporation incorpora-ted, with a capital stock of \$20,000 This company has acquired river prop-erty just south of town.

Scott Laville died here Wednesday vening and will be buried this mornevening and will be buried this morning. He had consumption, and a brother, John Laville, is very low with the

The high school will render an appro-priate holiday programme this after-noon, after which the schools will be dismissed for two weeks.

MOUNDSVILLE BUDGET.

Yesterday's News From Marshall County's Chief City. The Christian Endeavor Society

he Presbyterian church has a pretty and unique invitation out for a birthday party at the residence of J Howard Holt next Wednesday even-ing. Every person receiving an invita-tion is expected to contribute a penny for each year of his age.

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Miss Mary I. Scott will arrive hon
this evening from Pittsburgh, when
she has been engaged in kindergarte
work, to spend Christmas with her paents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott.

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Miss Bessie Reppetto is home from
Washington, Pa., where she has been
attending school, to spend Christmas
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C.
Reppetto, of the Orchard. Heppetto, or the Orchard.
Lleut, C. W. Conner has purchased
the Mound City grocery from T. J.
Clark and has taken charge of the
store. Charles White still holds his
place behind the counter.

Ex-Sheriff C. C. Mathews enter tained his Sunday school class at his home on Fifth street, last night. Re freshments were served and all enjoy-ed a delightful evening.

ed a delightful evening. William Anderson is expected in the city to-day from Pittaburgh, where he has been working in a foundry. He will be married Sunday to Miss Rulong, of Fork Ridgy. A. B. Stelle and son, Oscar, of Weizel county, are visiting T. J. Clark and wife at their home on Tomlinson ave-

The school children of the eighth room of the Central building, will have an entertainment this afternoon.

Joe Weaver has arrived home from Columbus, to spend the holidays with his parents.

The Wenger's Christian Temperance.

his parents.

The Woman's Christian Temperance
Union will meet at their hall this even-

John and Mary Baldwin were shop-ping in Wheeling Wednesday evening. Mrs. J. R. Logan and daughter, Miss Jo, are the guests of Wheeling friends.

Mrs. Pierce M. Conner is visiting her parents in Illinois. T. C. Pipes, of Cameron, was here

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS. STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

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